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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated December 7, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following remarks.

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